

DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller

28 September 1965

1. Des FitzGerald talked to me about the Director's desire to know on any occasion when a Deputy Director was out of town. He pointed out that he usually spends his weekends at his farm where he can be reached by telephone and from which he can travel to Headquarters in less than an hour. I told him that I thought this would comply with the spirit of Admiral Raborn's directive.

2. John Warner talked with me about a request from freshman Congressman Craley of Pennsylvania for 1,000 14" x 20" maps of Vietnam. (The request was later reduced to 500.) I told John that I thought we should give the Congressman one or two dozen and tell him that we could not possibly comply with a request of this magnitude since it would be a precedent which we could not possibly follow. I suggested that, if he wanted a thousand copies of the map, he ask the Government Printing Office to do the work for him.

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4. Sherm Kent called me about his speech to the National War College on Monday, 4 October, and I assured him that if the Director did not describe where the Agency fits into the intelligence community, I would do so in my introductory remarks preceding Sherm's talk.

5. I talked to [] about the AP story on disinformation and told him that we should not be responsive to the press on requests for copies of the article. Our party line should be that we have briefed our Congressional committees on this subject and that further information should come from them. (Later in the day Congressman Melvin Price of our Armed Services Subcommittee inserted a copy of this report in the Congressional Record so that it is now in the public domain.)

6. John Clarke reported that the [] at its special meeting was unable to agree on the priorities for the \$52 million above the Bureau of the Budget mark. We will therefore have to make the decision without their assistance.

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25X1 [] and covert collection.

8. John Warner reported that he and Bill Colby had a good meeting this morning with Congressmen Bow and Lipscomb of our Appropriations Subcommittee and that he understood that our budget letter, which gives us the full amount requested, had been written and signed.

9. In a telephone conversation with Matt Baird I told him that Dick Helms had approved the Training Selection Board's recommendations for Agency students at the Senior Schools next year. I also authorized him to seek an additional slot at the Army War College.

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11. I participated in a telephone call from Dick Helms to Mr. Kirkpatrick at which time Kirk reported that he had been invited to appear on the David Suskind program which would be taped tomorrow at 1400 hours. Apparently this will be a program about intelligence, possibly about CIA, and they were in search of an ex-agent or someone who was knowledgeable about agents. Kirk said that he had declined the invitation.

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6:00 Club 777 at Echols'